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Date July 24th 1918

Wednesday - Very hot.

Being a soldier in the service of the United States after 4 P. M. today, I open this my diary of life of a drafted man in the army. This contingent of men (270) is the largest sent at one time from N. B. We were all assembled at the Arch St. Armory at 4 O'clock to be checked up.

I was appointed a group leader to have charge of ten men.

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Date July 25th

Thursday - quite cool.
Up at 7.30 a.m. for the big day. Reported at the armory at 10:30 a.m. Stood on the floor until 12 noon and then marched out the side door on Grand and down Arch. Ma. & Eva were on Grand and waved to me. Big crowds were out and the parade had a stand and the Home Guards passed not with a crowd of girls in front of the Trust Co. She and Lale came up to the train window afterward

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Hyde Carter handed in two boxes of cigars with a letter of good cheer and a check for $25.00 & two pretty hard leaving.
at Hartford Y. M. C. A.
men got on with individual box lunches and coffee. All along the trip Y. M. men passed out papers, songs etc. to the men.
We went via Williamantic Putnam, Worcester etc.
at Worcester the train stopped outside

the city long enough for Red Cross girls to pass out candies, cigarettes, gum and postal cards. They would mail them free for us.

We got off the train at 5:40 p.m. and walked about 1/2 hr to a place to be checked up. After that teeth exam and our name and nearest relative. Some chap made some kind of a slip and we had to stand about 1 hour

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until he located the error. We were then marched to an eating place about an other mile where we got a bag with two blankets and raincoat or poncho and dinner kit. After supper of beans and water we marched a mile to our tents where we had to stand about an hour to be checked up.

In all we stood 5 1/2 hours and got to bed a little after 11 o'clock some tired.

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Date 7-26

Friday.

Up at 4:55 A M. Sim doesn't even get up at that time. At 5:15 we have to line up for roll call. and from that time on our feet continually doing fatigue, standing or walking. Do not forget that for each meal we also have to walk a mile over and a mile back. Some more hardship

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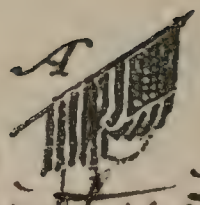
Date 7-26

as practically every other Co. has it eats right where they stay in fact the second district crowd fell in to it that way right off. after all our drilling to get a little ex- ~~ercise~~ exercise we walked around the camp for 4 miles. Every one is discouraged myself included the second



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district men are too. All the fellows who have been here for months say that stuff they tell at home about liking it is all bunk. I'm with them now, after drilling an hour I'm all white from the white sandy soil that is here.

Sat. 7-27

All we have to do is clean up everything for inspection. Knife-fork. Spoon etc must be layed just so. Inspection at 9:30.

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The rest of the day nothing to do but sit on the bunk as it was too hot outside. The woolen blankets are very hot to sit on to. The lint comes off all over the floor like big bunches of hair. After supper a Y.M. man came around and led in singing. Evenings are quite lone some.

Sunday 7-28-18.

Get up an hour later Sundays 6 o'clock instead of 5. Wake up about 6:30

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Date 7-28-18

and layed awake till
10 min of six and got
up before the whistle. After
breakfast clean house and
nothing to do the rest of
the day but loaf. Terribly
hot. Lot of visitors
around to day but none
for us fellows. Were
not allowed to go to church
but after supper heard
a speech from the gov-
ernor of Maine and
his wife sang a few
songs. Some long day
from 6 A.M till 10 P.M.

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Date 7-29-18

Monday

up again at five had a few facing movements and clean up around till 11 o'clock. rest till 2 then dinner. Nothing to do the rest of the day as the camp is short of non comms. Our sergeant being detailed to guard duty.

Tuesday 7-30-18

Great morning but wind blowing strong raising great clouds of dust. Had reveille at six reached to mess

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to be examined and stand
till 11:30 and as we were
unable to go through
had to go to dinner and
go back after & finally got
through at 3:30 p.m but
had to line up outside
and wait for the others
till 5 p.m. At dinner we
got a big thunder shower
which continued right
through the rest of the
day. As we did not get
to the barracks from 6 a.m
till 5 p.m we had no
coats or rain coats and
got soaked. All
companies again put

it over us as when they went to dress they were able to get their coats

The exam. was very thorough but I passed. My eyes must be getting good as I got 20/20 in one and 20/30. - the first one supposed to be normal. I had to squint some to get it. So though. A great number were thrown out. Glad I passed.

Wednesday 7-31-18.

Raining very hard awful cold everybody shivering. After breakfast marched

Wed

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over to get the innoculation
Was in line to 9 then got
started through and out
at 11. We had to go through
numerous clerks giving all
kinds of information and
took out my insurance. I
got in for $10,000 to be paid
$57.50 to mother for a 240
months or about $13.27 a week.
If I am disabled I would
get this the rest of my
life. It costs me $6.50
per month.

I also was able to get
through a payment of
$15.00 of my pay and the gov

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Date 7-31-18. Wed

to pay $1/10^{cc}$ more to
mother per month.
The last thing we file
down stairs like cattle
into slaughter house
and one fellow paints your
right arm with iodine
and you file between two
doctors. The one on the
left vaccinates and the
one on the right jabs the
needle for Typhoid.
The afternoon we listened
to a talk on army rules
and nothing to do the
rest of the day.
Some time in bed with
the arm sore at
nine o'clock.

Thurs

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Date 8-31-18.

my birthday (23) also 1 week in the army. We have moved up on 7th St. in tents in back of the barrack. They pushed Joe Frankie and myself way down the end, what they call here "out of luck".

Lonesome tonight.

Friday 9/2-18

Got our uniforms some fits-? Size 6 1/2 shoe. #11 socks, I got all new clothes some got second hand ones. At the A.M. we were marched to the Theatre not to see a show but to take a test

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Date 8/2 Fri.

It was a queer test taking in all the studies a little bit. Some of the questions I did not quite finish as you are only allowed a short time.

After that we listened to a talk by 2nd Lieut. on military courtesy.

P.M. We took a large hike through the woods across old trenches etc to a field where we were formed into platoons. I jumped out for a corporal again and got away with it.

At night we went to the open air theater where different fellows did stunts

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Fri. Date Sat 8/3

under Y. M. C. A. direction.

Saturday 8/3

We slept in the tent last night with our clothes on as there is so much to tie up we didn't dare take em off. Inspection again this a.m. After inspection washed 10 pieces of clothes not very good with cold water but rinsed them anyway. Got a letter from Nat and one from H.M. saying they are coming tomorrow. Moved inside the barracks today upstairs took Joe Michel along both near each other still.

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Date Sun 8/4

Great Day. Jule & Fred got here about 7:30 A M having slept out last night along the road. Stayed with us till 3 o'clock hated to see them go but found myself sooke again. They brought up lot of good things and we had a great party. Reed a letter from H. P. Carter today. Evening was very long.

Monday. 8/5

Raining this morning but cleared by 7 A M. Walked around the outskirts of the camp for about 5 mile. Joe M. called out for the auto mechanics test

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Date Mon 8/5.

says he went through good.
Kept us out all p.m. drilling
till 4:30. after supper did some
clerical work for the co. till
10 p.m.

Tuesday 8-6.
Terrific hot. called out to do
clerical work same as last night
others went on a long hike and
came back sweating hard and
all in. In the p.m. we did drills
and physical exercises for 2 hours
walked 20 min to a swim in the
pond. So many in it that they
churn up the mud but
anyway it was good.
Each one is all in, it has been
a hard day. Alderman, Howard
dropped out and had to go to
the hospital. A great many

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Date Tues 8/6.

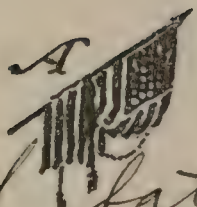
fell over at retreat.

Wed. 8/7-18

Fearfully hot. everyone just soaking with sweat. after a 5 mile walk got the second typhoid jab. Easy in the p.m. Except 3 hr min carrying out. bit from the cellar in a box. Some hot job. Had picture taken of co. at night.

Thursday. 8/8.

Had quite a feed last night evidently from the middle. Soaked pajamas and blankets from sweat. Had ticket all day. Co.



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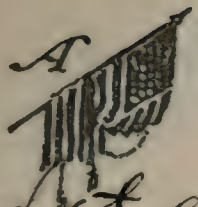
Date Thurs 8/8

had fatigue duty pulling up stumps. We all got a suit of blue overalls and had to work all day. I swung a pick, axe and shovel. Felt like fainting several times.

At night we got out of quarantine but so darn tired couldn't go anywhere. Did go down to the canteen though and it was just jammed full of soldiers. Went to bed 8:30, still have fever sweating a lot. Put my name in for sick call for Friday 8/9

Raining like the deuce at 6 A.M. Cleared at 7 A.M.



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Date Fri 8/9

Had it easy all day singing and lectures still quite sick with fever. Rained all day.

Sat 8/10.

Raining a little
The first day of passes. About 200 of us had up and 75 got them the rest crawled in their little holes.
Went down to Ayer, every store selling soldiers articles. Bought a pair of leggings.
Had early air, started to rain again

Sunday 8/11

Rained hard all night Fred Eva, Lulu, Mac & Hat came up at 10 A.M. stayed till 4.30 then riding to Ayer with them.
Wrote in eve.

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Date Mon 8/12.

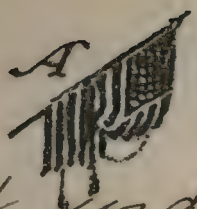
Long hike all morning singing in afternoon and then went swimming.

Tues. 8/13

17 mile hike in the morning. Games and swimming in the p.m. Went down to ayer with Joe. Got hair cut and miscellaneous spent $1,00 easily.

Wed 8/14

Little longer hike today 14 miles. I developed 2 nice blisters on the left foot. Third and last pat in the p.m. Staying in at night on acc of foot.



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Date Thurs. 8/15

Let 'es down easy now supposed to have 48 hours off after the jol. Rested nearly all day and sang songs. Joe and I went to the Liberty Theatre – 6 acts of vaudeville for a quarter was good.

Fri. 8/16.

Still resting, did a little work in the office. Went down to Y.M.C.A. entertainment. Was good.

Sat. 8/17.

Got a pass at 11 a.m. home at 3 o'clock. Met Jule on street and walked around with him. Down to Nat's and brought her up to supper. Stayed home till 10 and

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then down with nat.
Bed at 12:30.

Sunday 8/18

Home up at 8 o'clock.
walked down to Wingers
with Nat, Julie and then
over to Jens. Nat and everyone
up home to dinner and
sat in the house till
4.30 p.m. All rode down town
where we got the auto for
camp. Left at 5 o'clock.
Had an accident on
bridge at Hartford driver
tried to pass a car on
wrong side and was
pushed against the curb
and hit the tele pole. Broke
the top off and the wind
shield, driver was badly
cut on the face. The side

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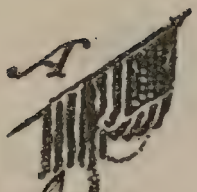
back was very cold. I jumped out of the car just as taps was sounding and just got my pass in on time

Monday. 8/19.

pretty tired from yesterday. Taken out in the field by our new 2nd. Lieut. Judd for drilling all morning. Have a terrible lame right leg from a sprain I guess. The afternoon was taken up in singing and one hour drilling. We had to turn in our two nice blankets and get one old quilt in exchange. Washed all gasoline from the clothes.



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Tuesday

A fine day. The whole battalion - cos. 37-8-9-40 took a five mile hike at 7 a.m to the back yard of some farm the gov. took over, where we drilled from 9:30 till 11 and had lunch. A jelly & jam sandwich and a minced ham - one egg - banana - orange and lemonade. after lunch we had games - tug of war - rush ball, 100 yd dash etc. at 3. we walked another mile for a swim in a big lake. sandy beach, great nice clean sand. The walk back was very dusty we were all coated white when we got back at 6:30 p.m. The dinner consisted with us.

In the evening we had a little entertainment in the

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mess hall and apple pie, ice cream, grape juice, two cigarettes and one cigar. The Lieut-Tryon paid for the smoke personally. Quite a day for army life.

Wednesday 8/21-18

Drilled all day till 4.30 P.M. except one hour in which we had a lecture by a Y.M.C.A. man on sex hygiene.

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Thursday.

Close order drilling all day and learned up to 2 on the semaphore. Signed my first pay roll in the evening.

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Date 8/23-18.

Friday. Very hot day. hiked one hour then drilled till noon. In the p.m. physical exercise one hour and swimming. Went down to soldiers club with Joe Michel + Fred Luebeck.

Sat. 8/24-18

Went down to Ayer with Joe. walked both ways. Bought a little cream and fruit.

Sun. 8/25-18.

Read papers and wrote letters all morning. Sat around the enlisted mens club all p.m with Joe. Quite a hot day. Took shower and went to bed at nine o'clock.

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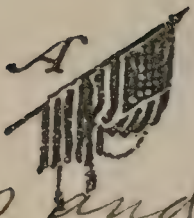
Date Sun 8/21

Not much company around today wonder if the boys are being forgotten so soon.

Monday. 8/26.

Name called out at 6:30 a.m for transfer to 48th Co. 12th Bat. 151st Depot Brig. Fred Luebeck and Louis Schwab transferred with me. It is on 1st street first barrack off of 1st ave. We are to go to school here for two months. Wonder how near right that will be the way new orders come through.

Received guns this afternoon all greased



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Date Mar 8/26

up and spent all p.m. cleaning them. Some fol. went down to Club for the eve.

Tues. 8/27.

The day is now divided in to 50 min work periods and 10 min rests. We are starting at the very bottom again with the school of the soldier.

Wed. 8/28.

Started on the Manual of arms and got pretty tired by night. Took a walk around the Camp. Rec'd some candy from Nat & Eva.

Thurs 8/29

Cold morning and dark. Started to rain at 11 o'clock

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Date Thurs. 8/29.

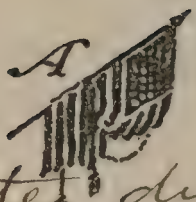
Had lecture all P.M.
Watched new draftmen
come in over 1 000 of them.

Fri. 8/30.

Great Day.
Regular routine, had
a semaphore test and
lecture by the major.
Had to stay in barracks
and help clean up for
inspection in the eve.

Sat. 8/31.

Raining in the morning
had a terrible inspection
stood in line a little more
than one hour and a
half and inspected first
by the Lieut. then by the
Capt. and then the Major.
each one running over us
very carefully.



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Date Sat 8/31.

after dinner washed clothes took a shower and walked to Ayer alone. Met folks Nat. Ma. Eva. Jule & Fred at 3:30 p.m, they had been waiting 1/2 hour. Autoed to Epping took 3 hours.

Sunday 9/1

up at 8 o'clock was a great day. Nat and I took a walk in the morning and we all took a little ride in the afternoon. Bed at 10.

Labor Day Monday 9/2.

up at 8:30 o'clock Jule and I took an hours walk. at 10 we started for Hampden Beach. Geo Purinton going along in

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Date Monday 9-2

his car. Was a great warm day and the water seemed extra fine. Great crowds were there and I sat and sat in the sand an hour watching the bathers. Left at 1:30 p.m and was back in camp at 5. We all went up to the 39th Co to watch retreat. I borrowed a messkit and eat up there. After we had supper out in the auto, the folks left for home shortly after six o'clock. Hard to see them go. In the eve. Joe. Frankie Louie & Fred and I went down to the club for the eve.

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Date Tuesday 9-3

Adding us 15 min more in the morning now, dont have to get up till 5:30 a.m. The band went through playing. "Oh How I Hate To Get Up In The Morning" this morning, I suppose because it was after the Holidays

Wed. 9-4

One of the lonesomest days I ever had, I tried to sweat it off but it wouldnt seem to go till eve. Some more New Britain fellows came in today 59 of them I only knew 3.

Got paid today for the first time $14.50 from 7-25 to 9-1.

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Date Thurs 9-5

In the afternoon we had a parade before the major and were so bad our Lieut gave us quite a call down and told us to brace up.

Fri. 9-6.

Had another parade today and was better although not the best in the Bat. At retreat the Lieut gave me a call for dust under my rear right and I had worked on the darn thing 1½ hour. After supper I helped clean the barracks and went over to the library at 8:30 p.m and got a little book on training recruits

Sat. 9-7.

Was put in the kitchen to help clean up for inspection at 8 o'clock. We didn't finish and the major was pretty sore

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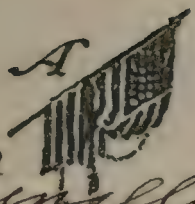
Date Sat 9-7

after dinner the four of us walked down ti ayer and sat around the enlisted men's club.

Sunday 9-8.

A dark dreary day, beat it over to the Y. M. at 8 a.m. to get out of the way so I wouldn't get the kitchen. So coed in the Y. M. I had to go out doors to get warm. Wrote some letters and then went to church. In singing the song I got very home-sick and cried a little the first time I really cried while here although I always did when the folks left. All day I couldn't seem to get over it and went up to the Band concert in the afternoon.



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Date Sunday 9-8

Finally started to rain at 6 o'clock. Joe and I watched the crowd going to the Liberty Theatre and then went to the library and read till nine. Rained very hard and quite cold at night.

Monday 9-9. Cleaned up today. Drilled nearly all day with rifles and pretty tired. Joe & Frankie got their calls for driving trucks in the ammunition train.

Tuesday 9-10. Another day of drilling with rifles till my arm was paralyzed. Another parade in the p.m.

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Date Wed. 9-11

Terribly cold morning was so cold on the hands I nearly cried drilling my hand; could not have been much colder. Marched us to the theatre for an illustrated lecture on sep, some awful looking picture. Walked to Ayer and bought mat a pen.

Thurs 9-12

Another cold morning, guess Winter is coming on.
Terrible strenuous day feel very stiff and lame to-night. Started to rain hard at 5 o'clock. Went over to the Y.M. and heard a lecture.
Today all men from 18 to 45 register.

Fri. 9-13.

Rained hard and we did not leave the barracks till 2 o'clock. Had lecture and study periods and at 3 I had to drill my squad for one hour

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A great day. Inspection was easy today. Schwab and I walked down to ayer and went to "Fair & Warmer" at the theatre at night a good show Comedy.

Sun. 9-15

Peachy day. Bertini and I took a walk down through ayer and back in time for dinner. Had turkey, mashed and sweet potatoes, dressing, turnips, squash celery and cranberry sauce and ice cream. Someone told the Lieut about the feed and he improved it all right. An epidemic of Spanish influenza has reached the camp and struck 3 here today and about 3000 in the camp. The ambulances have been running steadily

Schwab and I walked to ayer after supper, met Jas Graskeen for the first time since arriving here

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Was surprised to wake up and find out the Lubbock had not retd. from his 36 hour pass. We had an hours hike with rifles first thing and then drilled the rest of the day. Had one period of the morse tele. code.

Walked down to dyer a gas primarily because we had nothing else to do, although needed.

Nat starts his second weeks vacation.

Out of about 160 only 71 were in line today the rest being sick.

Tuesday 9-17

Only about 60 in line today. It sprinkled rain most of the time and we had to drill most of the time. We also went out in the woods

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and cut pole, to put our shelter tent up on next to our trunks. Each trunk has one on a side to stop the spread of the disease so the fellow next to you will not cough in your face. We took up guard mount and battalion drill and had a lecture by Col. on the rifle.

Wed 9-18.

only had two periods out this morning on account of rain. Rained very hard all day. Studied gun sighting and semaphore and wig wag work. Cleared up at night and took a walk to the 14th Ave Store.

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Took up Scout work for the first period out in the woods. Also Skirmish work and right by twos and right by file.
Worked quite hard today and have a sore foot.
Great moon tonight.

Friday 9-20.

Rained steadily all day and we spent the day inside with lectures.
Went to the dentist in the morning and had one tooth filled. After cleaning up at night went over to the Y.M.C.A.

Sat 9-21

Raining yet so had inspection inside and were all through by 8:30 a.m. Then cleaned up and Lou and I went down to Y.M.C.A. and sat before the fireplace reading till noon after dinner we walked to

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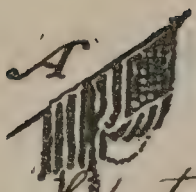
Date Sat 9-21

Ayer and strolled around the outskirts of the town. In the evening we went to the Hostess House and in walking home I thought all the while it was Sunday, I think because we had so much of the day off Some cold at night

Sunday 9-22

Peachy day just like last Sun. In strolling around I looked up 2nd Lt. Dessau and spent the morning in his room. Had a chicken dinner. Sat around Salvation Army hut on the main road to Ayer. Ayer is guaranteed against soldiers. at



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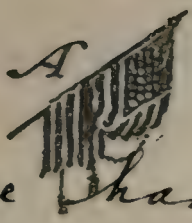
night the camp went under quarantine.

Mon 9-23

Nats. birthday asked Dale to send her some candy for me. Had a stiff pace till 4 o'clock today with some hard drilling.

Tues. 9-24.

Stayed in all morning on account of rain. Cleared in the afternoon and after drilling we had another parade. Recd our winter under clothes and sweater today.



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We had an exhibition drill by the model platoon here. One man from every depot Brig. company was put in this and trained for trench warfare. Their formations were altogether different from ours. Learned tonight that young Wells of the 38th Co. and Corp. Myers died of S. L. Our hospital is swamped with about 8000 cases and they run from 60 to 100 deaths a day. Pretty serious.

Thurs. 9-26

More rain, to make it harder to fight the S. L. many more sent to the hospital.

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Date Thurs 9-26.

Had no outside work but had a written exam on the school of the soldier and squad etc. Took a couple of hours to write it out.

Fri. 9-27.

Took a 3 hour hike with rifles and the whole battalion. Was a great day and fine air. Took up company skirmishes.

Sat. 9-28

Luck going bad. Put under barrack quarantine on account of two cases of spinal meningitis. One died. Have got to stay in close now. Recd seven parcels which will make

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Date Sat 9-28

it a little easier

Sunday 9-29

Got a little cold myself today will have to be careful. They put one half of the fellows out in tents and we now have plenty of room and ventilation. Day was a dandy but all we could do was sit in front and smoke. Monday 9-30.

Had a strenous day of drilling going through all the formations. In the evening we had an entertainment and party one of those men fund banquets with the money raised on eats. Had

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Date 9-29-18

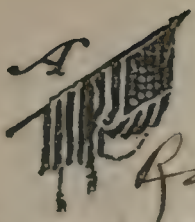
two big pieces of cake cookies ice cream and punch, smokes etc. Lts. Dooley, Brackley and Ken were with us.

Tuesday Oct 1. 1918.

Nothing very eventful today did a lot of drilling. War news looks good.

Wed. Oct 2

Had a crack at guard duty today. My shifts were 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 - 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Lost 1/2 hour sleep by this shift. It was surprising how tired one can get on guard especially when you have a short post like I had. Rained at night. and I used an overcoat



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Date Thurs. Oct 3

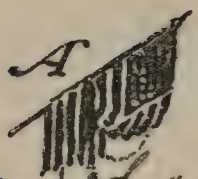
Rained first period so we had a lecture. Second period was aiming drills and kneeling. Next lecture on the rifle.

In the p.m. we had a Bat. lecture in the field on modern warfare.

Fri. Oct 4

Hiked all morning around Harvard during advance guard duty must have walked 12-14 miles.

Company drills in the p.m. and quarantine was lifted. Took a stroll as far as the Salvation Army hut outside of the camps. Very pleasant place.



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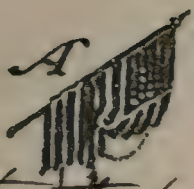
Date Sat Oct 1.

Very dark cloudy day. Walked over to see Joe and Tibbets made us stay to dinner. He is Mess Sgt. now and cooked us up some sirloin steaks, mashed potatoes, tapioca pudding, raisin pie and coffee. Some feed we crown Tibbits now.

Had a terrible ~~thunder~~ shower during the night.

Sunday 1 o/c

Wrote five letters and washed clothes in the morning. Sat in the Hostess house in the p.m. Rained all morning but cleared fine at noon.



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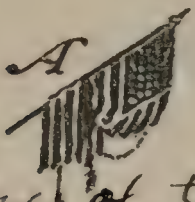
Date Mon 10/7.

Started out to the last rock and drills more severe than ever. Got very tired at night. Wore the overcoat today that is after supper. and went up to the library to study.

Tues 10-8

Got letter and card from Nat saying she had a cold and was out. I felt so bad I couldnt eat any dinner nor was I any good the rest of the day.

Bought a pair of shoes from a chap for $2.50



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Date Tues 10/8.

More of the killing pace today. They certainly are knocking it in to us. They are checking up on every point. Some who had buttons unbuttoned or dirty guns had to pick up stones for two hours after supper. Zuebeck among them for a rusty screw head.

Wed. 10/9

They took a few off to pick apples today. The rest of us drilled as hard as ever. Spent the eve. sewing buttons on my overcoat. Had best platoon in parade to day.

Thurs. 10/10

Took up hand grenade throwing today. I was pretty good at it. Weather getting warmer.

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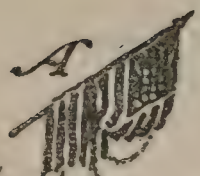
Date Fri 10/11

took a large hike again
12 miles or so. Wore the
woolen socks and they
went fine. Had inspection
in the afternoon and
another parade.

Sat. 10/12

Liberty day. Went down
to the big field near the
main gate at 8.00 a m
to see the field games, horse
back riding etc. Some
good sports. Saw Maj.
Gen. McCain for the
first time, he read
the presidents message
on the Liberty Loan.
Called for guard duty
tonight. Just my luck
get two holidays
and have to go guard.



A Soldier's Diary

Date Sat 10/12

H Dooley Officer of the day
" Kerr " " " guard
Did not have a formal
guard mount on a/c of Sat
and a holiday. I was on third
relief 9-11 pm - 3-5 am - 9-11 am
3-5 pm post #6 inside of the
guard house to keep them in.
93 prisoners and about 90
in there on a/c of A.W.O.L.

Sunday 10/13

Guard up to 11 p.m.
Joe came over and Louie
and I took a walk around
and then wrote a letter
Pretty tired after guard
duty.

Monday 10/14

Had a fine shoot today
when in a lecture the
Major said they are

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Date 10/15

term the school
until 11/1. Everyone is
terribly disapointed as
we expected to get out
this fall

Tuesday 10/16

Took up French
platoon drill and
bayonet exercise. I
drilled a platoon in
the company and also
in physical exercise.

Wed 10/17

Continuation of French
platoon drills.
Got orders we were to
study every night from
7-9 except Fri. Sat. & Sun.
Everyone likes that.

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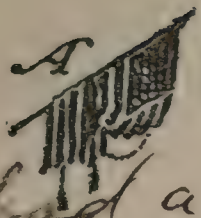
Date Thurs 10/17

Took a trip through the engineers trenches into the dugout, pill box etc. Had a football game in the afternoon, 12th Bat got trimmed.

Fri. 10/18

Took an all day hike down near Steel River. It was a cold windy day and rained in the early morning.

We played games running races etc. for a couple of hours, then everyone had to cook their own dinner. Luebeck and myself paired off and built a fire together. Each



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Date Fri 10/18

had a potato, onion and two pieces of bacon and coffee and bread. The mess kits of course got blackened up and it took about one hour of scrubbing to get it off.

On the way back we had a few examples of how the French platoons deploy in trying to gain a point. We tried to get a hill on which the enemy was supposed to be located.

Sat 10/19

Great day, the three of us walked around the camp

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Date Sat 10/19

all day. Nothing especially new happened

Sun 10/20

Fine morning I got ready about 10 o'clock and waited on the corner till 10 for the folks. Ma, Helen, Nat, Jule, Fred & Eva and Joe's girl. We went down to Joe's company and stayed most of the time. Had dinner there and the wind blew so much dirt around we stayed inside. Rained after supper and all night.

Monday 10/21

Woke up woefully lonesome as I use of seeing the folks.

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Date 10/21 Mon

I guess.
Had rather an easy day of it. I was 1st Sgt. in the p.m. Took my O.D. coat to tailor and got soaked $1.30

10/22 Tues.
Nothing different every day this week is reviewing the drills.

10/23 Wed.
As we were standing out for retreat the Capt read an order that we were to go on guard at once. Down at the 13th Bat. Big guns. They are trying to train and they are registering. When we found

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Date 10/23 Wed

up only 40 were chosen and I couldnt go.

10/24 Thurs.

Had an awful morning for drilling and was told we were to go on guard at night. Got through about 2 o'clock and rested till 5. Went on at 6 to 8 and 12-2. I was a corporal of the guard and had 10 men had it pretty easy but caught a terrible cold.

10/25 Fri

Didnt get up till nine oclock and I guess it was pretty fine at that time did nothing all day the rest went to work digging but Louie and

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Date 10/25 Fri

I took a walk away saw the 12 div. review and went down to the chut. Was told I could have a pass for tomorrow and was some ticked.

10/26 Saturday

Major inspected us and was pretty strict but I got by and Louis Ritter and myself got a bus at 11 and got away.

Went down by way of Berlin and got off to see Nat. first at 4:15 and home at 5.

Everyone surprised to see me as this is the first week of passes. Uncle Joe and Aunt Cora & Louis came up and got in about 5 min after I did. Nat came up after supper and we stayed

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Sergt. Geo L. Rawling

~~Co. 6th Depot B'N~~

4th Service 815

Signal Corp A.P.O. 713

~~c/o Chief Signal Officer~~

Amer. Ex. Force Via N.Y.

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Senger 10/6

Sat 10/26-18

ADDRESSES

talking till 10. Stayed at Nats till 12. This was the night we pushed the clocks back one hour and so I gained an hr.

Sunday. 10/27

up at 8.0 clock a wonderful day got the car and Nat and ran around visiting the guns.

In the P.M. we escorted Uncle for the W. Hfd. and Nat & I went in to the Hfd Hospital to see Mac. McLaughlin who had an operation for appendicitis.

Left Hfd 6.45 and got in camp 20 min of 12 & went to bed.

Mon. 10/28

Hours changed to 5:15 reveille and 5 retreat.

Mon 10/28.
Were issued packs today and taught how to roll them up. Rather an easy day of it.

Tues 10/29
Drilled with packs this a.m. and was terrible.. Today has been about as hot as any day I remember! Scotch run right off. In the p.m. Co. Cairns packs down to 10th Bat field and pitched tents. Capt. read off recommendations at retreat. I got a dog's eat. Evidently getting 99 1/4 in the written test and being good on the drill field did no good. Guess you have got to be in dutch with the

Capt. Tues 10/29

Wed 10/30.

another hot day.
Drilled again with the
pack and learned to pitch
shelter tents with four in
them. Am all tired out
feet sore but happy so
will stick this week out
OK. Thurs 10/31

Halloween night. Turned
in guns and equip.
to the 46th Co today and
had lots of fun everyone
joking about the war
being over when we
turned in the guns. Had
a little party at night
mess Hall decorated up
etc. singing and playing

Friday Nov 1
Am a corporal today
all morning spent in
moving to the 29th Co
again had some load
to move this time. Stayed
around doing nothing
all day except talking to
the boys. The officers
didnt look us up or
bother us at all. Schwab
was trans. to the 40th Co
next barracks to ours.

Sat Nov 2.
Did not stand inspection
but walked around the
camp. Luebeck and I tried
to get L. brother in prov
to come after us and we
go back with him. I
would have stopped
in Woonsocket. We didnt
have passes but

were going to try our luck. However the bro. couldn't come up so we couldn't go A.W.O.L. Went down to the theatre at night to see a musical comedy, not very good.

Sunday 11/3

After taking a bath I got down to the Hostess House about 10 a.m and then walked toward Shirley till 11. Not meeting the folks I went back to dinner and then they came up to the 39th C. Their delay was caused by Fred breaking a spring hanger and another man brought them in camp in his car. Aunt Cora Uncle Jae, Mrs. Eva, Fred, Jen, Helen

and Nat. Sunday 11-3
In the afternoon I drove them around camp and they left at 4. I hardly had time to see them only about three hours.
Went to bed about 8:30 pm

Monday 11/4
My first day of work as a corporal. Had to get up at 4:15 a.m and wake up a detail of 30 men to go out to the rifle range for pasting targets. I only had to take them to the ridge and then came back to breakfast.
At 8 o'clock we marched to the field and each new corporal was given a squad and drilled them in close order for a while then extended order. The outfit is so very bad I hardly know

where to start corrections.

This p.m. we took a trip through the trenches outlining the woods here and as it started to rain we hurried back about 2 o'clock and did nothing the rest of the day. Had an entertainment in the Y.M. at night.

Tues. 10/5

Raining early. Everyone called in the mess hall and all non-coms and P.P.s given a pass to go home and vote. Fred L. & I decided $10.00 to vote was too much so went to Providence to see his brother. Went to the burlesque with F's sis-in-law and two girls. Left at 9:30 p.m. for Boston. Billy L. driving us there in his Ford. A pretty foggy ride. Left Boston 3:15 a.m. and

Tues 11/5

due Ayer 4:30 got there 5:15 a.m. and couldn't stand reveille as no jitney from Ayer and had to walk it. The darn B+M route in from Boston everytime it stopped at a station you would think she went into a stone wall

Wed. 11/6

Could hardly drill the men this morning but seemed to get through it somehow. In the afternoon took a two hour hike and fired and I hung on the end of the line. Movies at night.

Thurs. 11/7.

Took up drilling squads in individual blocks marked out in the field. Quite a little trick to keep

them in the lines as they Thurs 11-7
do not obey commands
properly. Fri. 11-8.
afternoon the 10th bat.
played the 9th in
football and beat them
Cleaned up at night
preparatory to getting
a pass tomorrow.
Saw the entertainment
at the Y. M. the child
player from Cambridge
put on a show.
Sat. 11-9
Had chg. of quarters and
rushed like the deuce
to get these fellows to
clean up. They do not
seem to do a darn thing
Got a pass at 11 and
Fred and I went together

Sat 11-9

Stopped at Nats at 4. and we went up town together and then home about 6.0'clock. All of us went to the Grand in Hfd. and a good show. Home at 1 o'clock

Sun. 11-10.

up about 9.30. Julie & I walked down to Jen's and Fred came after us and we got Nat and brought him up for dinner. Stayed in till 4 o'clock and heard Carter was in town so went over to the Country Club on Shuttle Meadow R. and saw him and Mrs Carter. Got Zenbeak out at Black Rock Bridge and went down to Berlin with the family and Nat. Left them

at 6:30 p.m and Worcester at 10.30 p.m. It is some fight to get a getaway from over down to camp we waited almost an hour instead of getting in the jam. Got to bed at 1. a.m.

Mon. 11/11

Wake up at quarter of five by factory whistle from nearby town blowing because Germany signed an armistice and the fighting stopped this morning. Drilled in the morning and hiked in the p.m as usual. Put the whole Co. under confinement today because of so many U.S.M.C.R.'s.

Tues 11/12

Winter must surely have arrived today. Took a three hour hike in the morning and the frost through out the woods was as thick as snow.

Went to the dentist in the afternoon. Went to bed about 8:30 as I cant seem to stay aroun and read etc.

Wed 11/13

Hike all morning again and I had to lead the bunch in singing for an hour and then we went to the Depot Big championship foot ball game. Having it too easy

Wed 11/13

for me. A great many rumors are around as to what is to be done with us now. We have been sent all around the world and back by rumor.

Thurs 11/14

Most of the work today was laying around the bunks, drilled about three hours. Rec'd a nice letter from L. Young telling me to come back to the Slobs.

Fri. 11/15

Had a chicken supper tonight with all the fixins. Joe Michel came up to see me. He just came back from

Fri 11/15
about an 800 mile trip
thru Ohio. W.Va. to Baltimore
etc. with the auto trucks.

Sat 11/16
Dark dreary day. They let
quite a number home
today, offered me one but
I couldn't use it.
Lucbuck and I walked to
Hostess House and sat
there all p.m. Movies at the
Y.M at night,

Sun. 11/17
Expected Lucbucks folks
up from Pro. but the
rain stopped them. Stayed
around Y.M all p.m and en
barqued at night. Rained hard

Mon 11/18
Rained all day, no drilling
Get home today all citizens

Mon 11-18

of neutral countries

Tues 11-19

Still cloudy and showery
Hiked all morning and
went to dentist in the
afternoon

Wed. 11-20

Dentist in the morning
and football game in the
afternoon

Thurs. 11/21

Had talks in the mess hall
all morning on our leaving
Checking up clothing etc.
Drilled about an hour in
the afternoon.

Fri 11/22

Hiked all morning and
drilled till 4:00 p.m in the p.m
Some hard day for the
depot boys

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25 centimes	.048	twopence & halfpenny
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1 franc	.193	tenpence
5 francs	.965	4 shillings
10 francs	1.93	8 shillings
15 francs	2.895	12 shillings
20 francs	3.86	16 shillings
25 francs	4.82	20 shillings or 1 pound (£)

Above values are approximate.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Weights

1 Gramme—1/30 oz.
1 Hectogramme—3½ oz.
1 Demikilogramme—1 lb.
1 Kilogramme—2-1/5 lb.

Liquid Measure

1 Litre—1¾ pints
1 Décalitre (10 litres)—2 gallons
1 Hectolitre (100 litres)—22 gallons or 2¾ bu.

Mileage

1 Mètre—39⅓ inches
8 Kilomètres—5 miles
1 Centiare (1 sq. mètre—1-1/5 sq. yds.
1 Kilomètre (1,000 mètres)—⅝ mile
1 Are—100 sq. mètres
1 Hectare (10,000 sq. mètres)—2½ acres

PERSONAL WANTS

Food, Drink, Etc.

Beer, Glass of
un verre de bière
un ver der b'yair

Biscuit
le biscuit
ler beeskeuee

Brandy
cognac
kohn-yak

Bread
du pain
deu pan

Cheese
fromage
fromahj

Chocolate
chocolat
shokolah

Coffee
du café
deu ca-fay

Eggs
des oeufs
daiz euh

Food
de la nourriture
de lah nooriteur

Fruit
des fruits
dai freu-ee'

Meat
de la viande
der lah veeaund

Milk
du lait
du lay

Salt
du sel
du sel

Soup
la soupe
lah soop

Sugar
le sucre
le seukr

Tea
le thé
ler tay

Water
de l'eau
deh l'o

Breakfast
le déjeûner
leh dayjeuhnay

Dinner
le dîner
leh deenay

Supper
le souper
leh soopay

Cigarette
une cigarette
eun cigarette

Match
allumette
al 'lumette

Pipe
la pipe
lah peep

Tobacco
le tabac
ler ta-bak

Wine
du vin
du vang

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Bath
un bain
un ban

Bed
lit
lee

Blankets
couvertures
coovairteur

Brush
la brosse
lah bross

Candle
bougie
boozhee

Coat
un habit
ung na-bee

Comb
le peigne
leh paine

Fork
une fourchette
une foorshett

Glass
un verre
ung vair

Gloves
les gants
lay gahn

Handkerchief
un mouchoir
ung mooshwahr

Hat
le chapeau
leh shap-oh

Knife
un couteau
ung cootoh

Needle
une aiguille
eun aigeuee y'

Pillow
un oreiller
un oraylyay

Razor
un rasoir
un raz-wahr

Scissors
les ciseaux
lay seezoh

Shirt
la chemise
lah sher-mees

Shoes
les souliers
lay sool-yeh

Soap
du savon
du savon

Spoon
une cuiller
une keuee-yeh

Stockings
les bas
lay bah

Towels
essuie-mains
esseuee-man

Trousers
le pantalon
ler pahntaloń

Watch
une montre
une mongtre

POPULAR PHRASES

Good-morning!
Bonjour!
Bonjoor.

Good-night!
Bonsoir!
Bonswar.

Pardon me!
Pardon!
Par-don.

Thank you!
Merci!
Mare-see.

Yes
Oui
Wee

Have you?
Avez vous?
Avay voo?

What time is it?
Quelle heure est-il?
Kell er ait-il?

Is it far?
Est-il loin?
E-til loowan?

Where are we now?
Où sommes-nous maintenant?
Oo som news main-te-nan?

Which is the way to—?
Quel est le chemin de—?
Kel ay ler sheman der—?

I do not understand
Je ne comprends pas
Jer ner kon-pran pah

Do you understand?
Comprenez-vous?
Kom-prer-nay voo?

I am an American
Je suis un Américain
Jer swees un A-mare-e-kane

My number is—
Mon numéro est—
Mon nombray ay—

COMMANDS

Advance!
Avancez!
Ah-van-say

Attention!
Attention!
Ah-ten-see-on

Close order!
L'ordre serré
L'ordr say-ray

Come!
Venez!
Ver-nay

Fall in!
Rangez-vous!
Ron-jay voo

Faster!
Plus vite!
Plu-veet

Forward!
En marche!
En marrsh

Get Ready!
Apprêtez-vous!
Ah-pray-tay voo

Go!
Allez-vous!
Al-lay voo

Halt!
Halte!
Ahlt

Lie down!
Couchez-vous
Koo-shay voo

Listen!
Ecoutez!
Ay-koo-tay

Keep quiet!
Restez tranquille!
Res-tay tran-kil

Move to the right!
Allez à droite!
Ul-lays ah drwaht

Move to the left!
Allez à gauche!
Ul-lays ah goshe

Mount!
Montez!
Mon-tay

Pile Arms!
Mettre en faisceau!
Metr an fay-so

Quick March!
En route!
En root

Rescue them!
Allez au secours!
A-lays o ser-coor

Rest—let us
Reposons-nous
Rer-po-son noo

Retire!
Reculez!
Rer-kuy-lay

Run!
Courez!
Kooray

Salute
Salut
Sa-luy

Slower!
Plus lentement
Plu lan-te-mon

Sound retreat!
Sonnez la retraite!
Son-này lah rer-trait

Walk!
Marchez!
Mahr-shay

Warn, to
Prévenir
Pray-venir

Shirt 15 1/2

Breeches Leg 7 Waist 32

Shoes 6 1/2

Socks 11.

Coat.

Leggins # 2